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號三十月一十英華

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

INTIMATIONS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS!

November 12, YANTZEE, British steamer, 814, Shantung, Whampoa 12th November, General — SIEMSEN & Co.
November 12, AMATISTA, British steamer, 522, Hamlin, Swatow 11th November, General — DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
November 12, FOOKSANG, British steamer, 290, Hong, Whampoa 12th November, General — JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.
November 12, CLARA, German steamer, 674, Timm, Whampoa 12th November, Ballast — SIEMSEN & Co.
November 12, PHILIP, British steamer, 1,732, Goo, Dulling, Amoy 12th November, Tea — ADAMSON, BELL & CO.
November 12, PRINCE OF WALES, British steamer, 1,718, D. Davis, Foochow 10th November, General — ADAMSON, DUNN & CO.
November 12, ANGUS, British steamer, 2,077, Pinkham, Nagasaki 7th November, Coal and General — ADAMSON, BELL & CO.
November 12, CENAUDE, German bark, 468, C. Offensee, Newchwang 28th October, Beans — WIELER & CO.
November 12, EMILY, British brig, 286, J. Watt, Newchwang 28th October, Beans — WIELER & CO.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
12TH NOVEMBER.

Caribrook, British str., for Singapore.
Greyhound, British str., for Hoochow.
Gulf of Papeo, British str., for Yokohama.
Dawab, British str., for Hoochow.
Aja, British str., for Shanghai.
Glenam, British str., for Shanghai.
Amatista, British str., for Swatow.
Glenog, British str., for Singapore.
Dusbury, German str., for Amoy.
Andrea, German bark, for Kuchinotzu.
Pembrokehire, British str., for Singapore.
Fookong, British str., for Shanghai.
Salles, French str., for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.
November 12, NAMCA, British steamer, for Swatow.

November 12, GIUCSBURG, German steamer, for Swatow.
November 12, COUSINS ARBIS, British str., for Singapore.
November 12, NAUPACTUS, British ship, for New York.
November 12, MELITA, German str., for Hoochow.
November 12, ACTIV, Danish str., for Haiphong.
November 12, DIAMANTE, British str., for Amoy.
November 12, CARISBOKE, British str., for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per Port Phillip str., from Amoy — For Hongkong — 231 Chinese. For Singapore — Mr. Siserman. For New York — Mr. Bradley. Per Anders, str., from Nagasaki — Mr. W. Salmon, 1 Chinese, and 3 Japanese.
Per Pembrokehire, str., from Foochow — Capt. and Mrs. Lair and daughter, Mrs. Kirby and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Miss White.

DEPARTED.

Per N.Y. str., for Amoy — Messrs. I. U. N. Talmage and R. H. U. Jeffries.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Port Phillip's reports left Amoy at 6 p.m. on the 16th November, and had had light southerly winds to Tung-tung strong S.E. winds and heavy rain; the port made N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British brig Emily reports left Newchwang on the 29th Oct., crossed the Bar on the 30th, had light southerly winds to Irau Is.; then to Tung-tung strong N.W. wind; then to Banting on the 31st, N.W. wind with heavy rain; thence to Tung-tung strong S.E. winds and heavy rain; the port made N.E. winds and fine weather.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

1. Ichang, British str., from Ningpo.
2. Kowong, British str., from Tientsin.
3. Fakia, British str., from Hankow.
4. Rockford, British str., from P. Hamilton.
5. Yangtze, British str., from Hongkong.
6. Inca, German str., from Ningpo.
7. Yuen Wo, British str., from Hankow.
8. Han, Chinese str., from Tientsin.
9. Kwonggang, British str., from Amoy.
10. Adilia, British str., from Hongkong.

November 12, DEPARTURE:
1. Wai-wo, British str., for Sheipo Roads.
2. Lai-wo, British str., for Hankow.
3. Goo, Yen, British str., for Hoochow.
4. Amoy, British str., for Foochow.
5. Kwa Hing, Chinese str., for a voyage.
6. Ingob, British str., for Nagasaki.
7. Ichang, British str., for Ningpo.

2. Meefoo, Chinese transport, for Foochow.

NAGASAKI SHIPPING.

October 22, ARRIVALS:
1. Indo, German str., from Shanghai.
2. Hwang, British str., from Shanghai.
3. Ingerb, British str., from Shanghai.
4. Pembrokehire, British str., from Kobe.
5. Da Bay, British str., from Swatow.
6. John D. Brewer, Amoy, br. from Shanghai.
7. Satsuna Maru, Japanese str., from Kobe.
8. Deuter, German str., from Hongkong.
9. Dorothy, British bark, from Shanghai.
10. Elizabeth, British str., from Shanghai.
11. Mine Maru, Japanese str., from Yokohama.
12. Indo, German str., from Shanghai.
13. Yukawa Maru, Jap. str., from Shanghai.

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INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.

FIFTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bond of Agreement, the fifth drawing of the Bonds to be paid off at 10% at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong on the 7th day of November, 1883; when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were that day drawn in the presence of Mr. HERBERT MAULDEN BEVIS, Acting Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

10000 BONDS NO. 1.

2 10 18 26 34 42 51

59 66 74 82 90 98 106

114 123 131 138 146 154 162

170 179 188 197 205 213 221

228 235 242 250 258 267 275

307 315 323 331 339 348 357

339 346 354 362 370 378 387

334 402 410 421 427 432 442

452 460 472 474 483 488 498

509 513 523 530 535 545 554

563 571 573 585 594 603 610

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674 681 690 694 707 715 722

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that of assaulting the Police in the execution of their duty was a most serious one, and they must take the consequences of their conduct. The justice of the case required a heavy penalty, and he would sentence all three prisoners to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion expressed by our Correspondents.]

RE MRS. ANNA EULALIA SPRAUTT'S AFFIDAVITS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

DEAR SIR.—At the time I wrote and published the above letter of the 11th ult., Mrs. Spratt would proceed further in the dispute of the sale of her third share in the estate of her late husband; and warranted by the expressions made use of by her counsel during the hearing in Court on the 3rd September last, of the suit us, the Administrators of the Estate, "that as far as any question of justness to Mr. da Silva was concerned, that gentlemen who have an opportunity of hearing the facts, will find that the whole matter before the Court," I believed that it would not be amiss with me to wait for the favourable opportunity to clear my character of the aspersions cast upon it in Mrs. Spratt's affidavit.

Mrs. Spratt has, however, adopted a wise course not to move to attack that feed for fear falsehood. She has now made a complete exposure of her husband's conduct, and has accepted the payment of accounts and accepted for the balance due to her the sum of \$3,500. The outline of the account, endorsed as accepted by both sides, is enclosed herewith for favour of your publication.

Previous to her filing the affidavits against me on the 6th and 8th July last, I addressed her through her solicitor, Mr. H. J. Wilson, on the 25th June last, tendering her the following proposition, viz.—"Let—Assign to her the whole of the leasehold property."

2nd.—"Assign to her subject to all charges a third share in the estate," or,

3rd.—"She could have an allowance of \$80 per month, until the principal due to her was paid up, and allowance being in consideration of past favours owing to her husband, and not that she remained now due to her, would ever produce in any way such an income."

The public will now be better able to judge upon the purport of the above statements, whether Mrs. Spratt's affidavit could be supported in truth.

I am presented unfortunately from taking any action against Mrs. Spratt for defamation as any arrangement letter of the two to which I beg to call your particular attention is in certain technicalities in law, which is indeed of great prejudice to my cause, or I would be able to prove that I purchased her share in the estate by arrangement and with her consent; and that the balance owing to her by the sale was likewise by arrangement to be an outstanding.

She was well aware that the liabilities of the estate were over \$27,000, which I had to pay, having taken over the estate subject to all liabilities, besides the payment of \$5,000 for each third share, and saving my claim against the estate.

Mrs. Spratt reads and speaks English, and understands any conversation in that language well; both her husbands were foreigners, and the late Mr. Spratt, in whose company she lived for sixteen years, spoke no other language.

Thanking you for your publication, I am, dear Sir, your very Obedt. Servt. A. E. ECA DA SILVA.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1885.
(Copy of the Account)
Mrs. W. B. SPEAR'S ACCOUNT, WITH
MRS. A. ECA DA SILVA.
Dr.

To paid salary bill Dr. Ho Kai, Jan. 823.77
To paid house rent to Dr. Ho Kai, Jan. 100.00
To paid Mrs. Bishop, sundries, supplies of food, &c. 102.50
To paid Dr. Bishop, medical expenses 35.40
To paid preparation of interest 6.00
To paid Mr. Musso on release of the Mortgages of your third share 4,000.00
Balances 3,988.33
\$3,000.

Cr. By cash received on your account \$1,591.41
2,008.59
Cash due you for your share of the late Mrs. Spratt's estate 5,000.00
\$3,000.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1885.
Both the undersigned, Alexandre Amador Eca da Silva and Anna Eulalia Spratt, despite certain articles in the conditions of the marriage, both parties agree that the indubitable fact is that Mr. Amador Eca da Silva to the said Anna Eulalia Spratt is the sum of three thousand and four hundred dollars.

(Signed) A. E. SPRATT.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1885.

Dear Sir.—We have carefully considered the rights of soldiers and sailors. Spratt's statements are correct, and we are satisfied that there is an application to the Court of Appeal in this case on the 16th of August last, the master of William Boland Spratt, deceased. You have informed us that you consider the case as open, and we trust that in these affidavits seriously reflect upon you, and that you are anxious by a public judgment to clear your character from the accusations cast upon it.

We trust that Mrs. Spratt for anything appearing in the affidavits referred to, because the law is clear that no action for damages will be for anything sworn or stated in the course of a trial, unless it is within a court of competent jurisdiction.—Yours truly,
DENNIS & MOSSOP.

CANTON.
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
11th November.

There has been very little news of general interest in this city for some time past. Matters go on quietly enough now that war and its alarms have ceased to disquiet the minds of the people and inflame them against the Westerners abounding in their midst. The feeling against foreigners, so strong some time ago, has now quite died out, and they can go about the city and neighbourhood with perfect freedom from molestation or insult. The shopping class are glad to see them, for they always like to welcome foreigners, in whom they recognise liberal customers.

It has been arranged that all the Human soldiers brought down here by His Excellency Feng Yulin, the Imperial High Commissioner, shall in future be stationed in Honan instead of, as formerly, being quartered in the city. This change has been made, I understand, with a view to prevent the collisions with the Cantonese troops, which have hitherto been rather frequent. Although Feng has had his leave granted he is still here, but will, I understand, shortly leave for the North, as his health has not improved.

The two examiners who lately presided at the annual competition for the Kuan-tung degree in this city left here on the 8th instant for Peking. They went like true literati, by the old fashioned overland route, which will take some eighty days to traverse, as compared with about ten by steamer. They proceed by junk to Foshan from thence up the North River, proceeding sometimes by land, to the Poyang Lake, entering the Yangtze near Kiukien, thence to Chin Kiang, and from that port the Grand Canal and so to the Capital. As time is no object, these worthy men, and the disco-morts of the journey are no novelty to them, they probably prefer it to the chance of sea sickness in a steamer.

Early on the morning of the 5th instant a fire broke out near a small joss-house at Honan. Not the great and famous Buddhist Monastery, so well known as one of the show places here, but a small temple unknown to fame and foreigners. The front part of this sanctuary was burned down, as were also about fifteen small shops. Fortunately no casualty occurred during the fire.

On the same morning a fire of more serious proportions occurred at Foshan, by which more than thirty family houses were reduced to ruins and much property destroyed. No one was burnt or killed, but several persons were more or less injured in the efforts made to put out the flames.

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA SUEZ CANAL	Pombrookshire (str.)	D. Davies	Hongkong	Adamson Bell & Co., P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day at 10 A.M.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	Nestor (str.)	R. G. Murray	Hongkong	Bailey & Swire	To-morrow
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Glenar (str.)	Garrison	Hongkong	Jardine Matheson & Co.	On arrival 21st inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	General Barthout	C. C. Barnes	Hongkong	Admiral & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE, LONDON, &c.	Leah (str.)	C. Crowley	Hongkong	Ashford, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE AND LONDON	Christianian	Hongkong	Simeons & Co.	On 15th inst.	Quick despatch.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	Saxhalien (str.)	Homer	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes	On 17th inst., at Noon
MARSAILLE, VIA SAIGON, &c.	Samuel D. Carlton	Fremantle	Hongkong	Simeons & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Louisa	Lovitt	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Titan	C. H. Allyn	Hongkong	Arthur & Thorpe & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Foss	Dodd	Hongkong	O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 14th inst., at 3 P.M.
NEW YORK	Frank Fowle	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.	
NEW YORK	Dodd	Hongkong	O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.	
VICTORIA, B.C.	Minott	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.	
SAN FRANCISCO, VIA YAMA	Palmera	Hongkong	Bailey & Swire	On 15th inst., at 4 P.M.	
SAN FRANCISCO	Whampoa (str.)	Arratton Apoor (str.)	Hongkong	D. Sisson, Son & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
POET DARWIN, &c.	GALCUTTA VIA STRAITS	B. A. Macfie	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	For Freight or Passage apply to
CALCUTTA VIA STRAITS	Tanis (str.)	Davies	Hongkong	Admiral, Bell & Co.	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Paul	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Quick despatch.	
NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA, &c.	Golding	Hongkong	A. R. Marti	To-day, at 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	Hoang	Hongkong	Yuen Fat Hong	On 16th inst., Daylight.	
SHANGHAI	Alvina (str.)	Moss	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 17th inst., Daylight.	
SWATOW AND BANGKOK	Mongkok (str.)	P. H. Loft	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at Noon	
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	Haliphong (str.)	E. Ashton	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
SWATOW AND AMOY	Amatista (str.)	Hamlin	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 12th November.

OPUM.

Quotations are—

Malwa (New) \$340 per picul, allice, of 5 catties.

Malwa (Old) \$550 per picul, allice, of 5 catties.

Banaras (Old) \$45 nom.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—

Telegraphic Transfer 9/54

Bank Bills, on demand 9/55

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 9/53

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 9/51

Credits, at 4 months' sight 9/51

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 9/52

GW PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 4/33

Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/41

GW NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, on demand .84

Credits, 60 days' sight .85

GW HONGKONG—

Bank Bills, on demand .227

Credits, at 4 months' sight .225

GW CALCUTTA—

Bank Bills, on demand .227

GW SHANGHAI—

Bank Bills, at sight .732

Private, 30 days' sight .741

SHARES.

Quotations are—

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—162 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$450 per share.

China Trade Insurance Company's Shares—\$62 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong and Shanghai Dock Company's Shares—88 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$56 per share premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—5 per cent. discount.

China Standard Insurance Company, Limited—\$100 per cent. discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamer Company, Limited—\$48 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

China Insurance Association—The 12th per cent.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$18 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share.

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EXTRACT.

THE STORY OF A SCULPTOR.

BY THE LATE HUGH CONWAY,
AUTHOR OF "CALLED BACK," "DARK
DAYS, &c.

CHAPTER II.

Some seven years after the ambitious boy left Coombe-Axon, honest farmer Abraham, just then the old-fashioned hawthorn hedges were in white bloom, sickened, turned his face to the wall, and died. Gerald had been sumptuous, but arrived too late to see his father alive. Perhaps it was as well it should be; the farmer's last moments were troubled ones, and full of regret that Watercress Farm would no longer know a Leigh. The nephew who had taken Gerald's place had turned out an utter failure; so much so that Abraham Leigh had roundly declared he would be bothered with no more boys, and for the last few years had managed his business single-handed. However, although Gerald's upheaval of family traditions ends the farmer's death-bed unhappy he showed that his son had not forfeited his love. All he possessed, some three thousand pounds, was left to him. Mr. Herbert took the lease of the farm off the young man's hands; by and by the live and dead stock were sold off and Watercress Farm was waiting for another tenant.

The winding-up of his father's affairs kept Gerald in the neighbourhood for some weeks, and when it became known that Mr. Herbert had insisted upon his taking up his quarters at the hall, the simple Coombe-Axon folk were stricken with a great wonder. Knowing nothing of what is called the "aristocracy of art," their minds were much exercised by such an unheard-of proceeding. What had Jerry Leigh been doing in the last seven years to merit such a distinction?

Nothing but his agricultural friends could have understood. After picking up the rudiments of his art in a well-known sculptor's studio, young Leigh had been sent to study in the schools at Paris. Mr. Herbert told him that, so far as his art was concerned, Paris was the workshop of the world—Rome its bazaar and showroom. So to Paris the boy went. He studied hard and lived frugally. He won certain prizes and medals, and was now looking forward to the time when he might strike boldly for fame. Even now, he was not quite unknown. A couple of modest but very beautiful studies in low relief had appeared in last year's exhibition, and if overlooked by the majority, had attracted the notice of a few whose praise was well worth winning. His solicitors' instructions to prepare the led, he was quite satisfied with the result of his first attempt. In all things that concerned his art he was wise and patient. No sooner had he placed his foot on the lowest step of the ladder than he realised the amount of work to be done—the technical skill to be acquired, before he could call himself a sculptor. Even now, after seven years' study and labour, he had self-delusion enough to resolve upon being a pupil for three years longer before he made his great effort to place himself by the side of contemporary sculptors. Passionate and impulsive as was his true nature, he could follow and woo art with that calm persistency and method which seems to be the only way of winning success.

He is now a man—a singularly handsome man. If not so tall as his youth promised he is well built and graceful. Artist is stamped all over him. Brow, eyes, even the slender, well-shaped hands proclaim it. The general expression of his face is one of calm and repose, yet an acute observer might assert that, when the moment came, that face might depict passions stronger than those which sway most men.

His dark hair and eyes, and something in the style of his dress, gave him a look not quite that of an Englishman—a look that terribly vexed poor Abraham Leigh on those rare occasions when his erratic boy paid him a visit; but nevertheless, it is a look not out of place on a young artist.

This is the kind of man Gerald Leigh has grown into; and whilst his transformation has been in progress, Miss Eugenia Herbert has become a woman.

Although remembering every feature of the child, who seemed in some way associated with the day of his liberation, Gerald had not again seen her until his father's death called him back to England. Each time he had visited Coombe-Axon he had, of course, reported progress to Mr. Herbert, but, shortly after the change in his life, Mr. Herbert, by a great effort of self-delusion, had sent his darling away to school, and at school she had always been when Gerald called at the Hall.

But now, when he accepted Mr. Herbert's hospitality, he found the fairy-like child whom it seemed to him, into his ideal woman; and found, moreover, that there was a passion so intense that even the love of art pale before it.

He made no attempt to renounce it. His master him, overwhelm him, sweep him along. Ere a week had gone by, not only by looks but also in burning words, he had told Eugenia he loved her. And how did he do it?

He called. She saw him. Mrs. Cathcart was out, so Eugenia was alone when he announced Mr. Leigh. She started and turned pale. She trembled in every limb as he crossed the room to where she stood. He took her hand and looked into her face. He spoke, and his rich musical voice thrilled her.

"Eugenia—is it life or death?"

She could not answer. She could not turn her eyes from his. She saw the intensity of his passion, his fierce desire, his look come into them, a look which started her.

"Is it life or death?" he repeated.

His love conquered. "Gerald, it is life," she said.

Drunk with joy, he threw his arms around her and kissed her until the blisters dried her cheeks. He stayed with her as long as she would allow, but his delight was too delicious to permit him to say much about his plans for the future. "Woo, at last, she made him leave her, he gave her the number of a studio at Chelsea, which he had taken, and she promised to write to him to know when he might call again.

They parted. Eugenia walked to the window, and for a long time looked out on the gay thoroughfares, now full of carriages going to and returning from the Park. Of course, she loved, Gerald deeply—that was beyond a doubt. But what would she have to go through? What had she to look forward to as his wife? Men love and world—why say "world"?

The current of her thoughts was interrupted by the arrival of another visitor—her brother, James. He was tall, young man, faultlessly dressed, and bearing a general air of what is termed high breeding. He bore a likeness to his father, but the difference was not so marked that he could be mistaken for him.

His conscience smote him. Not only must Mr. Herbert be reckoned with, but a terrible interval must elapse before he had fame and fortune to lay before Eugenia. He could scarcely expect her to leave her luxurious home in order to live at questions or difficulties in Paris whilst he completed his studies. He grew sad and downcast as he thought of these things, and Eugenia, who liked pleasant, bright, well-to-do people, fell less kindly disposed towards him, and she said so.

This made him reckless again. He threw the future to the winds; recommended his passionate young; recovered his lost ground, and gained, perhaps, a little more.

But Abraham Leigh's affairs were settled up, and Gerald knew he must tear himself from Acton Hall and go back to work. He had lingered a few days to finish a bust of Mr. Herbert. This done he had, no excuse for staying longer.

The summer twilight deepened into night. The sculptor and Miss Herbert stood upon the broad and gravelled terrace, walk that runs along the stately front of Acton Hall. They leaned upon the grey stone balustrade; the girl with musing eyes was looking down on shadowy lawn and flowerbed underneath—the young man looked at her, and her alone. She gazed long between them, but at last she spoke.

"You really go to-morrow?"

"Tell me to stay, and I will stay," he said, passionately; "but next week—next month—not year, the moment, when it does come, will be just as bitter."

She did not urge him. She was silent. He drew very near to her.

"Eugenia," he whispered, "you love me?"

"I think so." Her eyes were still looking over the darkening garden. She spoke dreamily, and as one who is not quite certain.

"You think so? Listen! Before we part,

we tell you what your love means to me. It

when first I asked for it you had scolded me,

I could have left you unhappy, but still a

man. Now, it means life or death to me.

There is no middle course—no question of

joy or misery—simply life or death! Eugen-

ia, look at me and say you love me!"

"I love you! I love you!" she murmured.

Her words satisfied her; moreover, she

had the hand grasped firmly in hers, perhaps

even returning the pressure of the now,

that before she took his hand was by

him compelled to make him acquainted

with what she purposed doing.

"By the bye, Eugenia," said Herbert,

"You know Edith Norgate?"

"Yes. He called a day or two ago. I did

not know him."

"Well, I expect he'll soon call again. He

has been forming his friendship on us lately,

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of settling down to the life, like your

friend, they are generally provided with

wives of their own station, who stay at home

and trouble no one."

Saw wind under the sting of his scorn.

He saw it, and knew he was pursuing the right treatment for her disease.

"Now, this young Leigh," he continued,

"will be a famous man some day."

Herbert shrugged his shoulders in a

peculiarly truculent way.

"Let him be as famous as he likes. What does it matter?"

"The proudest family may be proud of

such a son."

"He will be angry, very angry, I fear."

She spoke timidly. His manner told her

she had good grounds for fear. His mouth hardened, but he still spoke boldly and pleasantly.

"My dear girl, don't discount my dis-

pleasure. Tell me who is he."

"It's name is Gerald Leigh."

"A pretty name, and one which sounds

familiar to me. Now, who is General Leigh?"

"He is a sculptor."

"Ah—now I know. Son of that excellent

tenant of my father's. The genius he

discovered in a dungheap are you?"

"So much the worse for Norgate," he said.

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